

February 12, 2019

## Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: USTelecom Ex Parte Notice, WC Dkt. No. 10-90, Connect America Fund

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, 2019, I responded to a call from Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor to Comissioner O'Rielly, to discuss the Commission's draft Order phasing down legacy voice support. Specifically, I discussed USTelecom's previous advocacy with respect to para. 20.2 USTelecom reiterated its previous position that the presence of an ETC is the determinative factor in whether consumers will be guaranteed voice service, not whether a service is fixed or non-fixed.

This ex parte communication during the Sunshine period is permissible under section 1.1204(a)(10) of the Commission's rules and this letter is being filed the same business day pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2)(v) of the Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Saperstein

Vice President, Law & Policy

cc: Arielle Roth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Connect America Fund, Report and Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC-CIRC1901-01 (rel. Jan. 3, 2019) ("Draft Report & Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Letter from Mike Saperstein, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket. No. 10-90 at 2 (filed Feb. 8, 2019) (summarizing USTelecom's Feb. 7, 2019 meeting with Arielle Roth on this topic).